

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 188930  
ORIGIN ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 SOE-02 AF-10 ARA-14  
CIAE-00 DODE-00 EA-12 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03  
NASA-02 NEA-10 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OIC-02 SP-02 PA-02  
DOE-15 CEQ-01 OES-09 SS-15 ICA-20 HA-05 /185 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/PA:JMPOPE:CF

APPROVED BY ACDA/PA:JMPOPE

-----074981 262207Z /23

P 262059Z JUL 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS PRIORITY

USDEL MBFR VIENNA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SOFIA PRIORITY

USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BERLIN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 188930

USSALTTWO/CTB

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PARM, SOPN

SUBJECT: JULY 26 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL  
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 188930

1. GEORGE WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT JOINT  
CHIEFS OF STAFF CHAIRMAN SAID YESTERDAY THAT U.S. NEEDS MO-  
BILE MISSILE. WILSON SAID SOVIETS, ACCORDING TO AIR FORCE  
LEADERS, ARE DEPLOYING SO MANY ACCURATE REENTRY VEHICLES  
THAT THEY SOON WILL BE ABLE TO GANG UP ON U.S. FORCE OF  
1,054 LAND-BASED MISSILES AND CRIPPLE THEM BEFORE THEY  
COULD BE LAUNCHED FROM THEIR UNDERGROUND SILOS. "IT IS

IMPORTANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT VULNERABILITY," AIR FORCE GENERAL DAVID C. JONES SAID YESTERDAY AT HIS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE SINCE BECOMING JCS CHAIRMAN JUNE 21. "TO SOVIETS I SAY, YOU HAVE CAUSED THIS PROBLEM BY YOUR LARGE NUMBER OF REENTRY VEHICLES WITH INCREASED ACCURACY., JONES SAID HE WOULD HAVE "DEEP RESERVATIONS" ABOUT ANY KIND OF NEW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT THAT DID NOT ALLOW U.S. TO MAKE ITS LAND MISSILES LESS VULNERABLE. HE SAID "MOST ATTRACTIVE WAY, TO PROTECT LAND MISSILES IS MULTIPLE AIM POINTS (MAP) BASING SYSTEM. JONES SAID MAP "LOOKS COST-EFFECTIVE TO US" BECAUSE U.S. WOULD SPEND LOT LESS MONEY

FOR SILOS THAN SOVIETS WOULD IN BUILDING ENOUGH REENTRY VEHICLES TO COVER THEM ALL. HE SAID HE ENVISIONS USING BOTH MINUTEMAN AND MX MISSILES IN MAP. WILSON SAID UNDER SALT TWO AGREEMENT, MOBILE MISSILES COULD NOT BE DEPLOYED BEFORE 1981 BUT COULD BE DEVELOPED. JONES TOLD NEWSMEN "I CONSIDER MOBILES ARE AUTHORIZED AND THEREFORE MAP IS AUTHORIZED. AND TO ME THAT IS NOT MATTER FOR DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION." ON LINKAGE, JONES SAID "IT IS VERY TEMPTING IN VIEW OF WHAT SOVIETS ARE DOING IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN AFRICA AND OTHER AREAS OF WORLD" TO CALL OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS, BUT LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS "COULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF BOTH SIDES.... I ALSO SAY WE OUGHT TO HANG TOUGH ON NEGOTIATIONS." JONES SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED "BY OUR HOLDING FIRM ON SOME OF ISSUES" IN UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 188930

SALT NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO SAID U.S. SHOULD SPEND MORE ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS IN FUTURE EVEN IF NEW SALT AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. NO SALT AGREEMENT WOULD REQUIRE EVEN HIGHER SPENDING, JONES POINTED OUT. "I JUST WANT TO DISPEL ANY IDEA THAT SALT IS GOING TO MEAN REDUCTION IN STRATEGIC FORCE BUDGET IN DAYS AHEAD," JONES ASSERTED. HE SAID JCS HAVE STUCK TO THEIR POSITION THAT BACKFIRE SHOULD BE COUNTED AS STRATEGIC WEAPON UNDER ANY NEW SALT AGREEMENT. WILSON SAID JONES DENIED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY KIND OF DEAL UNDER WHICH JCS WOULD AGREE TO LET BACKFIRE GO UNCOVERED BY NEW SALT AGREEMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR GETTING MONEY FOR MORE AIR DEFENSE AND NEW BOMBER.

2. WALL STREET JOURNAL SAID JONES PROMISED TO "SPEAK OUT WITHIN SYSTEM IN FORTHRIGHT MANNER." JOURNAL SAID "HIS COMMENTS ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS DIDN'T CONTRADICT CARTER ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REALITIES."

3. NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT FROM SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, CALIFORNIA, THAT TWO SUBMARINE TESTS FIRINGS OF TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILE FAILED AS

DEFENSE SECRETARY HAROLD BROWN, NAVY OFFICIALS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES LOOKED ON. BROWN SAID HIS CONFIDENCE IN CRUISE MISSILE PROGRAM WAS UNSHAKEN. "FAILURE IN PAST INCREASES PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IN FUTURE,, BROWN SAID.

4. DREW MIDDLETON OF NEW YORK TIMES SAID -REPORT SPONSORED BY DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY CONCLUDED SOVIET UNION HAS ATTAINED OR IS MOVING TOWARD SUPERIORITY IN TEN OF 13 STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS. REPORT SAID U.S. ADVANTAGE IN SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED MISSILES WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS AND IN INTERCONTINENTAL BOMBERS COULD BE ERODED BY SOVIET UNION'S DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH WARHEADS FOR ITS SUBMARINE MISSILES AND INCLUSION

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 188930

OF BACKFIRE IN ITS STRATEGIC CALCULATIONS. REPORT WAS PREPARED BY SANTA FE CORPORATION OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. "CIRCULATION OF REPORT, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS IN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, HAS IRRITATED ADMINISTRATION AIDES WHO FEAR THAT IT MAY UNDERMINE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR A NEW AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS," MIDDLETON SAID. "OFFICIALS CHARACTERIZED REPORT AS VALUABLE ACADEMIC STUDY THAT DID NOT REFLECT DEFENSE DEPARTMENT VIEWS. THOSE VIEWS ARE THAT SOVIET EDGE IN SOME AREAS, SUCH AS EXPLOSIVE POWER OF MISSILES, HAS BEEN OFFSET BY AMERICAN QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT, INCLUDING MISSILE ACCURACY." CHRISTOPHER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 26 jul 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE188930  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JPMPOPE:CF  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780307-0157  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780717/aaaaaons.tel  
**Line Count:** 147  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 2def576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN ACDA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1876926  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** JULY 26 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL INTEREST LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR  
**TAGS:** PARM, SOPN  
**To:** GENEVA USSALTTWO  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/2def576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014